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Letters To Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor,
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Dear Mr. Editor:

Now that the Second March for Victory, in Vietnam is history, and the news media has outdone itself in slanting the news, I would like to enclose the last paragraph of an editorial given on Radio Station, WDIX, Orangeburg, S.C., on September 27, 1970, about a week before the March. The last paragraph says, "Vice-President Ky (of South Vietnam) made his decision to speak at the October 3 rally in Washington to counter the Communists' "peace movement" of the past two years. Washington has seen the Viet Cong flag carried by "peace movements" marchers, the flag of the United States burned by "peace movement" marchers. The "peace movement" people of the New Left, the SDS,the Moratorium, the Black Panthers and the Chicago 7 will be on hand to welcome Vice-President Ky. Goliath will be waiting for its David. Official policy being something other than "victory", the odds are that David will never make it to the Potomac. If he does, the silent majority will rejoice".

The writer of the editorial really knew the score as far as Ky ever getting to speak at a Pro-Victory Rally in Washington. Now that the March is all over, it seems that Ky will come to the United States. But it will be all low-key. You can be certain that he will not be making any statements concerning victory while he is here. He is our ally. Almost 45,000 of our finest young men have died over there, defending Ky's homeland. He wants to win the war. Yet he will be muzzled over here. What is wrong with the official policy of our government that since Korea we just fight a stand-off war? Where would we be today if we had fought that kind of a war in 1775? Or 1812? Or 1917? Or 1943? No, No, No, the word in those wars was VICTORY. Now the word in the Communist vocabulary is Victory. The VietCong have stated they will fight until they win the Victory. Russia says she will give the Viet Cong all necessary help to enable her to win the victory. Krushev said Russia would "bury us". What is the matter? Cannot we understand plain language? Hitler wrote the book, "Mein Kamp", in which he drew the blueprint for victory in Europe. We could read the book and we could see the plans being put into action; however, we still stuck our heads in the sand and refused to believe it.

How many people believe Communists when they say they intend to rule the world? Apparently not many in official Washington. No, they are going to Russia with their hats in their hands, and are asking them to help bring about peace in Vietnam. This is ridiculous in my eyes when I consider the fact that the only reason the Viet Cong are able to fight is that Russia is supplying them with about 85% of their war materials. Why don't we mine the harbor of Haiphong and stop every bit of this war material coming in? Why don't we bomb what factories and railroads Hanoi has? Why don't we bomb the dikes and dams and flood the rice fields of North Vietnam? WHY DON'T WE TRY TO WIN THE WAR?

I want to write a few words about the March for Victory held in Washington on Saturday, Oct. 3. I was there with my son and his friend, T. C. Harvey, 111. I have never felt more an American than on that day marching down Pennsylvania Avenue in the company of thousands of patriots who love their country and their God, and letting the whole world know that there are some Americans left who love their country and their God. And the whole world heard of it. Through the slanted news effort of the AP and UPI, the Voice of America, in quoting these news services, gave the enemy ammunition with which to beam to South Vietnam, telling them the March was attended by only from 8,000 to 20,000 people, that there was violence from the groups which want "peace" and that the country as a whole repudiated the March. I have in my possession the English translation of such a news story. No doubt many thousands of persons who would have come to the March might have stayed away fearing violence from the "peaceniks", but there were at least twice as many marchers there on Oct. 3, as there were at the March in May. I base this on the fact that in May the marchers were 10 abreast and marched for 2 1/2 hours down Pennsylvania Ave. and over to the Monument grounds. (It took 2 1/2 hours for the group to pass a certain point along the parade). This time the marchers were 20 abreast and the time consumed some 2 hours and forty minutes. The speeches were heart-warming and just made a man seem to swell up until almost ready to pop with love for his country, its heritage and our God. The news service which stated we had 8,000 for our March must have been counting the people who got off the buses just from Philadelphia, Pa., alone. The highlight of my trip to Washington and the March was when I happened to be behind the speakers stand and saw, about a hundred yards away, an American soldier take away a VietCong flag from a hippie and break the staff holding the flag into three pieces over his head. That was the only violence that I saw, and I take my hat off to that Vietnam war veteran. Thank God there are some Americans left.

I think the most damaging thing to Americans today is ignorance of what is going on in our country. I hope there are many avenues of learning open, but the main one that I know of is the daily broadcast of the Twentieth Century Reformation Hour which can be heard over Radio Station WKLV,1440 Kcs, Blackstone, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday. Also, read the editorials in the Lynchburg News and especially Thomas A. Lane's column on that page. If you want to read "all the news that fit to print", read the New York Times. Mr. Editor, let's fight for our country, its still the greatest country on the face of this Earth.

William C. Hubbard
Appomattox , Virginia

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan
Editor,
Times-Virginian
Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Now that the hard fought election is history, I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank each and every individual who gave their time, skills, money and untiring efforts toward the overwhelming victory they achieved for Senator Byrd and Rep. Abbitt. It would, indeed,be impossible to narrate in this writing the deeds of so many unselfish people who realized that the time had finally come to replace public apathy with determined action. I cannot list all of the people here, though I would like to be able to do so.

I do, however, want to express my deepest thanks to the members of the Byrd-Abbitt Steering Committee, namely Mr. Richard Williams of Pamplin, Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Dr. Jack Matnews, Mr. John Grinels, Mr. Charley Mosses, Jr., Mr. Ivy Holland, Mr. John C. Caldwell, Sr., and Capt. Bill Blythe. These gentlemen put forth one grand dedicated effort toward reaching every goal we set during the campaign. Every one of them made unknown sacrifices.

A special thanks, if, indeed, there can be a special thanks, goes to Capt. Bill Blythe. In plain and simple English, "He gave it all he had," as Chairman of Volunteers and Headquarters. His efforts went above the call of duty.

The women volunteers, headed by Mrs. Dorothy Blythe, played a very vital role in the campaign. A number of ladies volunteered again and again to serve at our headquarters, which was donated by Mr. Fred Lawson without charge. Mr. Grover Smith brought us chairs. A special thank you also is due Mr. Dennis Torrence, who volunteered to paint the large attractive headquarters sign.

I simply cannot say enough for our people who were willing to stand and fight for decent representation in our federal government. Good men always, somehow, seem to rise when they feel their country is being threatened from without or within.

"Lives there man with soul so dead
Who had not at one time said,
This is my own, my native land!"

Thanking you again, I remain.
Respectfully yours,
Mark G. Weatherly, Ed. D.

The Pastor Speaks

What Do You Think About God?

What kind of view of God do you have? This may sound like a needless question to put before you, but it's very pertinent. Most people have a terribly warped view of God. Some people view God as a foreman who is constantly rebuking, criticizing, and harassing his workmen to get them to do better and to improve. Other people view God as a sort of drill sergeant who is always saying, "Get in line" Keep in step", and who assigns plenty of make-up drill and punishment when people get out of line and don't keep in step. Still others view God as a sort of standards inspector. He is constantly viewed as inspecting our weights and measures just to make sure we are performing properly.

All of these views have at least one trait in common. God is viewed as someone we can never please. He may harrass, punish, pester, and bother us. All of these views of God are notoriously lopsided.

There is one bit of truth in these views. It is true that we really will never be able to come up to God's standards. The Bible in fact says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) We need to face the fact that we don't come up to God's standards, but this doesn't mean that God is just a foreman, a drill sergeant, or a standards inspector. The Bible still knows him as our heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:45) The term father rounds out a Biblical view of God Even though we never come up to God's standards, this doesn't mean that God will harrass, punish, ridicule, or ignore us. In fact, he loves us. He has mercy upon us. He pities us. He sees us as erring children, and he goes out of his way to reach us with the mercy of His redeeming love.

This brings quite a different picture of God. We do err. We do stray. We slip out of God's will. God, on the other hand, seeks us, desires us, and constantly wishes to bestow upon us goodness that we don't deserve. These things he gives to us freely and generously because he loves us. We cannot earn it. We can receive it.

God can do all of this because of what Jesus Christ has done. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ fully satisfied all of God's claims against us. Now, by faith in Jesus Christ and repentance of sin, we are able to find forgiveness and a new start.

Just remember you never can earn or deserve forgiveness from God. You can receive it as a gift which he gives. We receive God's forgiveness "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy." (Titus 3:5) When we confess our sins, (I John 1:9) we receive forgiveness from God because of his mercy. Claim the mercy of God as your very own, and let this mercy and goodness transform your life.

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

SPIRITUALLY UNEMPLOVED

Lesson for November 22, 1970

Background Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-15; Mark 1:16-22; 6:7-13, 30-34; Ephesians 4:11-16.
Devotional Reading: Proverbs 24: 3-7.

Let's suppose that Jesus had asked you to help him in the selection of a group of twelve intimate disciples. In all likelihood you would throw up your hands in dispair at his first choices. How could he possible select men like that big, clumsy Peter or those two ambitious brothers, James and John. What could ever come of a movement composed of men like these? None of them ever likely to be named a "man most likely to succeed."

At Face Value

Viewed at face value, none of these men would seem likely candidates for the special group of twelve who would share Jesus' brief public ministry. Yet Jesus obviously saw something in them that gave some promise for the future, if not the present. In fact, three of the most unlikely candidates became his closest associates, Peter, James, and John formed a sort of inner circle that occupied a special place in Jesus' ministry. There are a number of references in the gospel stories where the writers cite single out "Peter, James, and John." Apparently they were unofficial leaders in the group of twelve.

These men had no formal training, no education to speak of, no background, no experience — nothing! So what did Jesus see in them that led him to call them to so important a task? Perhaps one clue as to what he saw in them is found in the way they responded to his challenge. He called them and "immediately" they left what they were doing and began to follow him. Perhaps it was this responsiveness, this readiness to follow the right man and learn what he might teach them that Jesus saw in them.

They Left Their Nets!

That kind of responsiveness is a characteristic not to be taken too lightly. We can only appreciate the immediacy of their response if we ponder our own hesitancy in responding when Christ calls us. When his challenges come to us, it seems, it is always "too" something: "too early," "too late," "too little," "too much," "too easy," "too hard," etc. But, according to the gospel writers, there were no excuses nor alibies offered by the disciples when Jesus called them.

Thus, off-setting their seeming lack of ability, background, and talent, was a willingness with which Christ could work wonders. Perhaps there is in this simple fact a truth of which we ought not to lose sight: The primary qualification for any Christian service is willingness to be used by Christ. The first thing Jesus seemed to look for was this responsiveness. If he found this, it seemed, he could provide the rest.

Many of us have probably seen this same truth in evidence somewhere in our own experience. There will be a call for someone to perform some kind of service. Often, the most-qualified people will excuse themselves for one reason or another (often with the excuse that they are not qualified). At last, one of the least likely people will take the task simply because no one else will do it. Frequently these people will surprise us, doing a far better job than we would ever suspect. Their willingness to say "yes" and to learn overcomes much of their other unfitness.

How many of us remain significantly unemployed because we are hesitant to follow when he calls us?

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Wreck Island H. D. Club

The Wreck Island HD Club met at the home of Mrs. V. A. Staten on Wed., Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. for an all day meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Homemaker Creed. Mrs. Shirley Tanner read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. V. A. Staten, president, opened the business meeting. She announced that Achievement Day will be held on Wed., Nov. 18, at the Woodmen of the World Building.

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Nov. 16- The hunting season opened today. The men got out early.

Friends are glad to hear Mr. Courtney Harvey has returned home from the hospital. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Moore and Mrs. Kate Dinkins returned from Connecticut last Thursday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lanni and family.

Rev. W. H.Elder attended the General Association in Richmond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Spud Almond arrived Thursday from Mississippi. They are living at Oakville.

The Quartet went to Pleasant Grove Church Sunday afternoon to furnish special music with Miss Christine Dickerson at the piano.

Sympathy is extended Dr. Carl A. Collins in the death of his mother, Mrs. Brumfield of Christiansburg on Thursday.

Mrs. Clarence Richardson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond and family.

Frank Lee Elder spent the week end with Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder.

David Paulette was visiting Mrs. Mildred Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge Sunday p.m.

Lewis Dickerson went to Lynchburg Saturday for a check up.

Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and Christine took him.

Mrs. Spud Almond will return to work today after a visit to Miss. to meet her husband.

A number of the ladies will attend achievement day at Appomattox Wednesday.

Lloyd Richardson finished stripping his crop of tobacco last week. Also Robert Roach.

Rev. W. H. Elder brought a fine sermon on Sunday.

Fellowship supper of the church on Nov. 29 at 6:30. Our Thanksgiving Service will follow the supper. The paid up note burning ceremony will be burned. Cassie Baldwin, Cor.

Public Invited To Musical

A large crowd attended both the morning and evening services at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor delivered a special sermon at the 11a.m. service. The subject: "Christian Stewardship".Special music was given by the choirs of the church. The 3 p. m. service was rendered by the Rev. J. W. Steed and his Junior Choir of the Jerusalem Baptist Church of Buckingham. At the close of the afternoon service the results of a special rally was reported by Mrs. Bessie Watson, $109; and Mrs. Letha Moss $178.61. The pastor thanked the two leaders and all the members of the church who cooperated.

The public is cordially invited to attend the special musical program at the Mount Hill Baptist Church this fourth Sunday evening at 3 p.m. by the Holiness Gospel Singers of Lynchburg.

An unusually large crowd attended the choir festival sponsored by the Mount Zion District Church senior choir last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. Sixteen choirs from Appomattox, C. Campbell and Buckingham made up the program. Mr. Al W. Johnson was the master of ceremony. A public offering of $145 was reported.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11a.m

The East and West Bound Sunday School Union will convene with the Mount Pleasant Sunday School at Hixburg on the fifth Sunday in this month at 10 a.m. The pastor of the church will deliver a special sermon. All schools are asked to be represented.

A special appeal is given for the annual Hayes Day at the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg on the first Wednesday in December. All churches in the county are asked to send up a special donation. Each member is asked to make a special donation. Leaders in all church have been asked to solicit special donations.

All local churches are asked to please respond to the special appeal sent for the annual Christmas Seal Drive.

FFA Attends Training School

Twelve officers of the Appomattox Chapter, Future Farmers of America attended the annual Leadership Training School, held at the Appomattox Intermediate School, Nov. 12, 1970. The purpose of this school was to help train chapter officers carry out the duties of their office more efficiently.

The first session began at 4p. m. with the regular opening ceremony. A welcome to the school was given by Hal Smith of Appomattox Intermediate. An explanation of the school was given by Mr. D. W. Torrence, adviser from Appomattox. A speech was then given by the State FFA Sentinel. At 4:15 the officers went to the Individual Training Session.

Dinner was held at the Parkway Restaurant. At dinner table etiquette was explained. Social manners were also discussed.

At 7 p.m. the second session was opened at the AB auditorium. Appomattox Senior Chapter gave a Model Opening Ceremony. Mike Galliher from Appomattox won a FFA Quiz, and Jimmy Bondurant was selected as the best dressed sheep. Evaluation of the meetings was made by the State FFA vice-president. The meeting was then closed with the regular closing ceremony.

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